

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **ELIZABETH A. BARBER NAMED TRIAL COURT COLLECTIONS PROJECT MANAGER BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT; IMPROVING COURT COLLECTIONS IS GOAL**

LANSING, MI, March 17, 2004 – Elizabeth A. Barber of DeWitt has been named Trial Court Collections Project Manager for the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

Barber's appointment, said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan, marks the first time the Court has created a full-time position aimed at court collections. "This newly-created position demonstrates our judicial branch's ongoing commitment to improving collections of fines and fees that the courts are charged with imposing, and collecting, by law," Corrigan said.

Barber's responsibilities will include drafting policies for trial court collections and fiscal management, as well as helping courts comply with state collection laws and court rules.

Corrigan added that Barber "is the right person in the right job. Her in-depth knowledge of trial courts' accounting procedures will greatly assist us in improving court collections."

Barber joined the Supreme Court as an Auditor in 1989 and was promoted to Lead Auditor in 2003. Her duties included conducting financial, compliance, and internal control audits for state courts. She also investigated embezzlement cases. In 2003, the Michigan State Police honored Barber with an Award for Professional Excellence, in recognition of Barber's work investigating a fraud case.

Barber has also evaluated courts' accounting procedures and helped them improve on those procedures. She has served as a faculty member of the Michigan Judicial Institute, developing and presenting accounting workshops for court administrators and staff.

Before joining SCAO, Barber was In-Charge Auditor with the accounting firm of Maner, Costerisan & Ellis, P.C., in Lansing. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 1987 and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Barber resides in DeWitt with her husband Bill and their two children.

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